

### **Lovejoy, Jesse L.**

Jesse L. Lovejoy, 86, of Harbor Beach passed away Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at the Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Munger on Feb. 16, 1921, he was the son of the late Lester and Maria (Summerville) Lovejoy.

On Dec. 27, 1956, Jesse and Ruth Winkel were united in marriage in Harbor Beach. Ruth preceded him in death on Jan. 7, 1980.

Jesse served in the U.S. Army during World War II serving during the invasion of Sicily, Italy. Invasion of Southern France and crossing the Rhine River into Germany where he received the Purple Heart for injuries. He also was a frogman in two invasions.

He was a former commercial fisherman, and he was a retired employee of the NutraSweet Co. and their predecessors Dawes and G.D. Searle, retiring in 1988 after 37 years.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Harbor Beach and Port Hope Retirees, Harbor Beach Senior Citizens Bowling League, and the American Legion Post No. 197 for 63 years. He enjoyed doing woodworking projects, gardening and his grandchildren.

Jesse is survived by his daughters, Mary Jo Lovejoy of Harbor Beach, Lori Lovejoy and friend, Patrick Banker, of Harbor Beach, Geri Lochrie and her husband, Edward, of Port Hope, and Patti Braun and her husband, Jeff, of Bad Axe; seven grandchildren, Keagan, Kaylee, and Korrey Lochrie and Nikki, Taylor, Kylie, and Keaton Braun; two brothers, Delmar (Delores) Lovejoy of Tullahoma, Tenn., and George "Dutch" (Elaine) Lovejoy of Ooteway, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jesse "Skip" Lovejoy in 2001 and a sister, Bessie Leader. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 in Zion Lutheran Church, Harbor Beach with the Rev. Richard Wilson officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Rock Falls Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach and from noon until the time of services on Tuesday at the church.